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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: February 19, 2013

RE: Park Improvements as of February 2013

Dear Board Members:

We have made a couple of staff changes at the beginning of this year. Stephanie Baumann is now the Recreational Program Coordinator for the department and joining our team is Brittany Goger, as the Administrative Assistant.

Stephanie and Melody spent one week in January completing their second year of Special Event Management School. Chris McConnell, Scott Austin Shepherd and Melody attended the Playground Certification Classes and then sat for the exam. Stephanie and Melody also attended the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association yearly conference in Bloomington. And over two weeks in February, Stephanie, Brittany and Melody, along with key individuals from other City Departments have worked on building the web based programing and facility software which will go live in late March.

A lease has been negotiated and signed for the departments new programing facility located at 330 East Main Street. Build out of the space will be performed by city staff. At this time we plan to open this location at the beginning of May.

PARKS

ASA BALES

The retaining wall and railing in Asa Bales Park has been completed.

GRAND JUNCTION PARK/PLAZA

We closed on four properties in January. The asbestos testing was completed last week on these four properties and we are waiting on the test results. We are finalizing purchase agreements with two additional owners. Demolition of all of these buildings will be done this spring. We will be placing project signs on Jersey, Park and Mill Streets so the community will understand what is going on. We also plan on working with Public Affairs on social media project updates.

BLA has completed the 50% plans for Regional Detention and they will be submitting for permits. Regional Detention will need to be completed before the Park/Plaza can be built.

QUAKER PARK

Heating units have been added to the restrooms at Quaker Park so they are now year round restrooms.

TRAILS

Monon Trail

Construction of the Monon Trail pedestrian bridge over 146th Street shall be completed this spring.

We are in the process of acquiring the last parcel on the Monon Trail Phase 3, which is north of 169th Street; once obtained we will plan to pave the trail from 161st Street to Oak Ridge Road.

Midland Trace Trail

Phase 3 of the Midland Trace (trail from Carey east to Gunther) has been paved and the concrete work is finished.

The Midland Trace Trail built by the developer of Sonoma Sub-Division (near Ditch Road and 171st Street) has been donated to the City. In the near future this will link up with new trail being constructed at Springmill Road and running to the west.

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